Finger Lakes Instrumentation

A History of Engineering Excellence

Experience

Finger Lakes Instrumentation has been supplying high performance imaging solutions to a wide variety of markets for 20 years. We began designing and manufacturing cooled CCD cameras in 1998. We incorporated in 2000. Since that time we have shipped thousands of cameras to over 50 countries worldwide.

Our first cameras were designed for astronomy and astrophotography, but we soon found customers in other applications, including fluorescence imaging, TEM, chemiluminescence, x-ray, forensics, and spectroscopy.

We have designed CCD cameras for more than 50 different CCDs from ON Semi, e2v, Sony, Hamamatsu, and Fairchild. We currently manufacture cameras using more than 40 different CCDs. In January 2018 we introduced our first cooled scientific CMOS cameras. We also develop bestin-class accessories for imaging, including high speed filter wheels and precision focusers.

Customers

The majority of our sales are sold to life science instrumentation companies who integrate our cameras and filter wheels into their products. In the past, many customers saw FLI as an "astronomy camera" company because of the awardwinning images taken by our astronomy customers. Astophotography pushes the boundaries of image acquisition and processing and is ideal for showing the virtues of our cameras.

Electrophoresis gels and microtubing plates are not as photogenic. In addition, companies using our cameras in their products normally want to remain anonymous.

Sensors optimized for one market quickly find homes in other applications. Eliminating channel cross-talk in a multichannel astronomy camera benefits life scientists using the same sensor. Increased frame rates developed for life scientists were quickly adopted for space-related applications needing higher time resolution.

Markets

Every FLI product is designed and manufactured in New York, USA. The majority of our products however are exported! We supply to OEMs in North America, Asia, the Middle East, and Europe. Our customers have the confidence to install our products in remote automated observatories from Finland to the equator to Antarctica, all around the globe.

FLI is ready to assist you with your camera requirements whether you need hundreds of cameras with consistent batch to batch performance or a single camera optimized for a unique application.

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Eta Carina, courtesy Wolfgang Promper. ProLine PL16803 Camera.





Cooled Cameras

Why Cool the Sensor?

Cooling improves the signal-to-noise ratio and minimizes cosmetic defects in sensors.

Kepler Cameras

FLI's new Kepler series of cooled cameras supports higher throughput, up to 35 channels, and a variety of new sensors, including scientific CMOS. The Kepler KL400 has high sensitivity (95% peak quantum efficiency) coupled with low noise (1.5 electrons) even at video frame rates. The KL4040 is a high QE front illuminated camera with a generous 52mm imaging diagonal. The game changing KL6060 will feature a 38MP, 87mm diagonal sensor (Q4 2019). The KL400 & KL6060 are available with front or back illuminated sensors.

Modularity

The majority of FLI cameras are exported; to minimize shipping costs, Kepler's shutter, fans, and digital board have all been designed to be user-replaceable.

ProLine CCD Cameras

ProLine cameras offer the deepest cooling of our standard cameras, and provide two power and two USB connections for FLI accessories. A complete imaging system (camera, filter wheel and focuser) can be controlled with a single power and USB cable from your PC. High and low data rates are optimized using independent analog to digital converters. Both the inner and outer chambers are sealed for harsh environments.

MicroLine CCD Cameras

MicroLine cameras cover a broad range of possibilities, from small interline transfer sensors with a C-mount front flange to the massive 50-megapixel ML50100. Despite being smaller and lighter than ProLine cameras, standard MicroLines cool within a few degrees of their larger sibling, and substantially deeper than competitive models. With the optional copper heatsink, MicroLine cooling meets or exceeds ProLine cooling. Smaller sensors have a shorter back focal distance than ProLine cameras. MicroLines support dual and quad channel readout with some sensors.











Kepler Cooled CMOS Cameras

One Giant Leap Forward

Higher Speeds, More Channels, New Sensors

Kepler is FLI's new series of cooled cameras, providing high throughput, high dynamic range, high quantum efficiency, and low noise.

FLI began shipping the Kepler KL400 and KL4040 cameras in 2018. Both models feature a high quantum efficiency, low-noise, high frame-rate cooled sCMOS sensor. The KL400 is one of the most sensitive cameras in existence (1.5 e- read noise, 95% QE). The KL4040 is a high QE front illuminated camera with a generous 52mm imaging diagonal. KL6060s feature a 37.7 megapixel, 87mm diagonal sensor, available front or back illuminated.

16-Bit Performance

For maximum speed, some Kepler cameras provide a single read at 12 bits. For 16 bit dynamic range, Keplers read twice at two different gains. The two images are merged using FLI's proprietary algorithms to create an exceptionally linear 16 bit image.

Optional QSFP Fiber Interface

USB 3.0 is the standard interface for Kepler cameras. The optional QSFP interface offers maximum throughput, long distance, and electrical isolation.

Simplified Service

For customer convenience, Kepler's shutter, fans, and digital board have all been designed to be user-replaceable. Camera firmware is field-programmable from anywhere in the world.

Extreme Reliability

FLI's proprietary sealing technology guarantees a long trouble-free life with no need to change or service desiccant packs or periodically pump down the camera.



KL400 with Optional 45mm Shutter

Camera Applications: Orbital Debris Detection ExoPlanet Research Photocell Inspection

Software Support

MicroManager MATLAB LabVIEW ASCOM



Kepler cameras include Pilot Control Software

Kepler Model	KL400 FI, KL400 BI	KL4040 FI, KL4040 BI	KL6060 FI, KL6060 BI
Sensor Type	Front & Back illuminated	Front & Back illuminated	Front & Back illuminated
Resolution	2048 x 2048	4096 x 4096	6144 x 6144
Pixel Size	11 x 11 microns	9 x 9 microns	10 x 10 microns
Imaging Area	22.5 x 22.5 mm	36.9 x 36.9 mm	61.4 x 61.4 mm
Sensor Diagonal	31.9 mm	52.1 mm	86.8 mm
Maximum Frame Rate	48 fps (24 fps HDR)	23 fps (QSFP)	FI 19 fps / BI 11 fps (HDR; QSFP)
Read Noise (High Gain)	FI 1.5 e- / BI 1.6 e-	FI 3.7 e- / BI 2.3 e-	FI 4.2 e- / BI 3 e-
Full Well Capacity (e-)	FI 120000 / BI 90000	FI 70000 e- / BI 39000 e-	FI 130000 / BI 100000
Dynamic Range (HDR)	FI 96 dB / BI 93 dB	FI 86 dB / BI 84 dB	FI 89 dB / BI 90 dB
Shutter	Rolling	Rolling (Both) / Rolling with Global Reset (Fl Only)	Rolling
Peak QE	FI 58% / BI 95%	FI CMT 74% / BI 90%	FI 72% / BI 95%
Cooling	45°C Below Ambient	40°C Below Ambient	45°C Below Ambient
Dark Current @ -20C	FI 0.2 eps / BI 0.6 eps	FI 0.15 eps / BI 0.4 eps	0.1 eps

Specifications subject to change without notice.





Kepler Cooled CMOS Cameras

OSFP Kit

High Speed Interface for Kepler CMOS Cameras

FLI's QSFP (Quad Small Form factor Pluggable) high speed fiber interface provides up to 20 Gbits/sec data transfer for high resolution imaging at high frame rates.

The kit includes two transceivers, a 30m fiber optic cable, and PCIe interface card. One transceiver plugs into the back of Kepler cameras, and the other plugs into the PCIe card.

For the Kepler KL4040 camera, the QSFP Kit increases the potential frame rate from about 6 frames per second (fps) with USB 3.0 to 23 fps. The QSFP kit also allows for significantly longer and electrically isolated connections.

The QSFP Kit requires M.2 memory because of the significant amount of data being transferred. Typical SSD memory with a SATA connection does not provide sufficient bandwidth to use the full capabilities of the QSFP. If an M.2 connection is not included on the motherboard of the computer, a PCIe to M.2 adapter card is required which will use a second PCIe port.

Minimum Requirements

Windows 10 x86 or x64
FLI Pilot v1.2.90.110 or later
7th gen i7 Core CPU
Motherboard with either {1 M.2 port and 1 PCIe port} or {2 PCIe ports}
1 PCIe to M.2 adapter (only required if the motherboard does not have an M.2 port)
250GB M.2 memory
32GB of DDR3 or DDR4 RAM











Supported Sensors

Sensor Source Sensor	Sensor Pixels		Pixels	Pixel	Array Size (mm)		Area	Diag	Discola	E. II MA II	
	Туре	Х	Υ	microns	Х	Y	(mm2)	(mm)	Pixels	Full Well	
Front-illum	Front-illuminated Sensors										
GPixel	GSense6060	CMOS	6144	6144	10	61.4	61.4	3775	86.9	37.7M	135K
GPixel	GSense4040	CMOS	4096	4096	9	36.9	36.9	1359.0	52.1	16.7M	70K
GPixel	GSense400	CMOS	2048	2048	11	22.5	22.5	507.5	31.9	4.2M	120K
Interline T	Interline Transfer CCDs										
Sony	ICX695	CCD	2750	2200	4.54	12.5	10.0	124.7	16.0	6.0M	17K
Sony	ICX285/825	CCD	1360	1024	6.45	8.8	6.6	57.9	11.0	1.4M	21K
Back-illum	inated Sensors	5									
GPixel	GSense6060	CMOS	6144	6200	10	61.44	61.44	3775	86.9	37.7M	102K
e2v	CCD230-42	CCD	2048	2048	15	30.7	30.7	943.7	43.4	4.2M	150K
e2v	CCD42-40	CCD	2048	2048	13.5	27.6	27.6	764.4	39.1	4.2M	100K
GPixel	GSense400	CMOS	2048	2048	11	22.5	22.5	507.5	31.9	4.2M	92K
e2v	CCD47-20	CCD	1024	1024	13	13.3	13.3	177.2	18.8	1048K	100K
e2v	CCD47-10	CCD	1024	1024	13	13.3	13.3	177.2	18.8	1048K	100K

Front-illuminated Sensors

GSense6060 6144 x 6144 10 microns sCMOS GSense400 2048 x 2048 11 microns sCMOS

Back-illuminated Sensors

GSense400 2048 x 2048 11 microns sCMOS

> CCD230-42 2048 x 2048 15 microns

GSense6060 6144 x 6144 10 microns sCMOS

GSense4040 4096 x 4096 9 microns sCMOS

Sensors are shown actual size.

CCD42-40 2048 x 2048 13.5 microns

CCD47-10 1024 x 1024 13 microns Interline Transfer CCDs

ICX695 2750 x 2200 4.54 microns



ICX825 1360 x 1024 6.45 microns





Cameras Under Development

The following cameras are currently under development. Specifications below are preliminary. Please contact rocflisales@idexcorp.com for current status.

Model	BL492	BL533	BL571	BL455	KL2020FI	KL2020BI
Sensor Manufacturer	Sony	Sony	Sony	Sony	GPixel	GPixel
Sensor Technology	CMOS	CMOS	CMOS	CMOS	sCMOS	sCMOS
Sensor	IMX492	IMX533	IMX571	IMX455	Gsense2020	GSense2020
Megapixels	46.4 Mp		27 Mp	61.2 Mp	4.2 Mp	4.2 Mp
Sensor Architecture	Back Illum.	Back Illum.	Back Illum.	Back Illum.	Front Illum.	Back Illum.
Shutter Type	Rolling; Global Reset	Rolling; Global Reset	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling
Peak QE	90%	90%	90%	90%	72%	95%
Pixel Size	2.315 u	3.76 u	3.76 u	3.76 u	6.5 u	6.5 u
Array Size	8240 x 5628	3003 × 3003	6244 x 4168	9568 x 6380	2048 x 2048	2048 x 2048
Imaging Area	19 x 13 mm	11.3 x 11.3 mm	23.5 x 15.7 mm	35.9 x 23.9	13.3 x 13.3 mm	13.3 x 13.3 mm
Diagonal (mm)	23 mm	16 mm	28.3 mm	43.1 mm	18.8 mm	18.8 mm
Full Well	15ke-	50ke-	50ke-	50ke-	45ke-	54ke-
Bit Depth	12	12/14	12/16	12/16	Dual 12	Dual 12
Dark Current	0.0005 eps @ -10C	0.0002 eps @ -20C	0.002 eps @ -20C	0.0002 eps @ -20C	0.2 eps @ -20C	0.2 eps @ -20C
Read Noise	1e-	1 to 3.5 e-	1 to 3.5 e-	1 to 3.5 e-	1.6 e-	2.0 e-
Frame Rate	25 fps	27 fps	7 fps	4 fps	47 fps (HDR)	43 fps (12 bit)
Cooling	delta 45C	delta 45C	delta 45C	delta 50C	delta 50C	delta 50C
Interface	USB3	USB3	USB3	USB3	USB3	USB3





Filter Wheels

Leading Edge Accessories

All filter wheels use unmounted filters only. All use a stepper motor and magnetic Hall-effect homing device. FLIFilter software is included in the FLI Software Installation Kit on https://www.flicamera.com/software/index.html. For additional detail regarding mechanical specifications, please see drawings at https://www.flicamera.com/cfw/index.html For most materials, subtract 1/3 of the thickness of any filter (e.g. subtract 1mm for a 3mm thick filter) as well as 1/3 of the thickness of any cover glass on the sensor.

Model	CFW2-7	CFW5-7	CFW9-5	CL-1-10	CL-1-14				
Number of Wheels	1	1	1	2	2				
Thickness ¹ (inch / mm)	0.822 (20.88)	0.85 (21.59)	0.595 (15.11)	1.10 (27.94)	1.10 (27.94)				
Weight (lbs / kg)	2.9 (1.32)	4.3 (1.95)	3.2 (1.45)	4.3 (1.95)	4.3 (1.95)7				
Filter Positions	7	7	5	10 (8) ⁷	14 (12)8				
Filter Size ²	2" / 50 mm ⁵	50 mm SQ	65 mm SQ	50 mm SQ	2" / 50 mm				
Filter Thickness	1-5 mm								
Camera Side	FLI Dovetail	FLI Dovetail	10-32 BP ⁶	CL ZTA	CL ZTA				
Optics Side	2" 24 tpi	3" 24 tpi	M92-1	CL ZTA	CL ZTA				
OBFD KL ³	36.4 mm	37.1 mm	30.6 mm	43.4 mm ⁹	43.4 mm ⁹				
OBFD KL65⁴	41.7 mm	42.4 mm	35.9 mm	48.7 mm ⁹	48.7 mm ⁹				

Notes:

- 1. Front to back thickness of the filter wheel excluding motor, in inches (mm).
- 2. Filters are round unless followed by SQ, indicating square.
- 3. KL OBFD = OBFD for Kepler camera with no shutter, 25mm shutter, or 45mm shutter with FLI dovetail + filter wheel.
- 4. KL65 OBFD = Optical back focal distance (image plane of CCD to optics side of filter wheel) for KL camera with 65 mm shutter.
- 5. Carousel will accept either 2" or 50 mm filters.
- 6. BP = bolt pattern. Mates directly to ProLine, MicroLine, or Kepler with optional front plate.
- 7. Because the carousels overlap, one position in each is normally left open. For example, eight + two open positions for the CL-1-10.
- 8. CL ZTA = CenterLine Zero Tilt Adapter TM
- 9. Assumes CL ZTA flange on front of camera.

Kepler cameras with the standard FLI dovetail flange mate directly to the CFW2 and CFW5 filter wheels without adding back focal distance. Kepler cameras with the CFW9 flange bolts directly to the CFW9.

Kepler cameras with the CL ZTA flange mate directly to the CenterLine CL-1-10 and CL-1-14 filter wheels without adding back focal distance.





Customers

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